

(b) During the year 1996-97, the Coffee Board continued to support the establishment of coffee cultivation in Non-conventional coffee growing States through various research and extension programme :-

(c) The Coffee Board participated in the following five trade fairs during 1996-97 (upto December, 1996) :-

1. SPAFF-96, St. Petersburg, Russia 27-31, May' 96
2. Unitrex-96, Rotterdam, Holland 5-8, June' 96
3. INI, Trade Fair, Trieste, Italy 21-30, June' 96
4. SIAL Food Fair, Paris, France 20-24, Oct, 96
5. Foodapest-96, HUNGEXPO, Budapest, Hungary 20-23, Nov' 96

(d) The amount spent on publicity in India and abroad by Coffee Board are as under :

For External Promotion	Rs. 23.40 lakhs
For Internal Promotion	Rs. 11.13 lakhs
Total	Rs. 34.53 lakhs

Infrastructure Development

4367. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rakesh Mohan Committee has recommended sweeping changes in the financial markets to raise resources for the country's infrastructure development;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations that have been accepted and implemented; and

(c) the details of the recommendations which are still pending ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The Rakesh Mohan Committee has provided directions for policy reforms which can help in greater commercialisation of infrastructure along with promotion of public - private partnerships. The Committee has stated that India needs an institution to specifically provide credit enhancements to projects and activate the debt market. The Committee has recommended that if infrastructure has to be financed through the capital markets, it is necessary to initiate major reform in the areas of contractual savings institutions (LIC, GIC, PFs, EPF) that have long term liabilities and make natural investors in private infrastructure projects.

To provide long-term finance for the infrastructure sector the Budget, 1996-97 announced establishment of an

Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDEC). The IDFC has since been incorporated under the Companies Act on 30.1.97 with an authorised share capital of Rs. 5000 crore. A loan of \$ 300 million has been tied up with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Private Sector Infrastructure Facility (PSIF) in order to support private sector infrastructure projects through the development of the long-term debt market. The Budget 1997-98 provides for the withdrawal of the requirement of keeping 20 per cent of incremental provident Fund amounts in the Special Deposit Scheme (SDS) with effect from April 1, 1997.

[Translation]

Artificial Silk

4368. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of States where production of artificial silk is going on the country;

(b) the quantum of artificial silk produced during 1996-97 till date State-wise;

(c) The quantum of artificial silk exported during the above period and foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production and export of artificial silk ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA).

(a) to (d) The details are given in statement-I and statement-II

Statement-I

Production of Viscose Staple Fibre (VSF) and Viscose Filament Yarn (VFY)

(Quantity in Tonnes)

State	1996-97		1995-96	
	V.F.Y. (upto Jan '97 provisional)	V.S.F. (Upto Feb '97 provisional)	V.F.Y. provisional	V.S.F. provisional
Gujarat	14824	-	18133	-
Maharashtra	22440	-	27311	46
Madhya Pradesh	-	97944	-	116498
Karnataka	-	32001	--	31116
Kerala	1224	11366	2310	14856
Tamil Nadu	4792	24440	6532	31824
West Bengal	5387	-	6375	-